

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus comprising:

a recording section configured to record  
an external input signal;

5 a display signal output section configured to  
process at least one of said external input signal and  
a reproduction signal of information recorded by said  
recording section, and to output a display signal; and

10 a controller configured to control said recording  
section to record said external input signal in  
response to a predetermined temporary interruption  
setting signal supplied while said display signal  
output section processes said external input signal to  
output said display signal.

15 2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said controller is configured to control said display  
signal output section to output a predetermined pause  
signal in response to said temporary interruption  
setting signal supplied while said display signal  
20 output section processes said external input signal to  
output said display signal.

3. The apparatus according to claim 1, further  
comprising:

25 an encoder configured to supply a recording signal  
obtained by encoding said external input signal into  
a predetermined recording format to said recording  
section; and

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11. The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein  
said control means controls said display signal output  
means to output a predetermined pause signal in  
response to said temporary interruption setting signal  
5 supplied while said display signal output means  
processes said AV input signal to output said display  
signal.

12. The apparatus according to claim 10, further  
comprising:  
10 encoding means for supplying a recording signal  
obtained by encoding said AV input signal into a  
predetermined recording format to said recording means;  
and

decoding means for supplying a decoded signal  
15 obtained by decoding said reproduction signal of the  
information recorded by said recording means to said  
display signal output means.

13. The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein  
said control means controls said encoding means to  
20 encode said recording signal and to output an encoded  
signal as said display signal via said display signal  
output means, when a temporary interruption state by  
said temporary interruption setting signal is canceled.

14. The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein  
25 said control means enables fast-forward reproducing of  
the recorded information by said decoding means, when  
a time difference between a reproducing time of the

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17. The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said recording means includes an optical disc drive.